

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

Re patent application of: BLOOMFIELD et al.

Serial No.: 09/679,646

Filed: 5 October 2000

For: APPARATUS AND PROCESS FOR THE
MANUFACTURE OF CONCENTRATED SOLUTIONS

Examiner: Mancharan

Art Unit: 1764

Docket #: P06892US00/BAS

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Attached is:

- a response after Final Rejection dated
- ☒ a response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2003
- a Preliminary Amendment
- a Petition for an extension of time
- ☒ Other: Attachments A-B

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| TOTAL CLAIMS | | | | X \$ 18 = | |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | | | | X \$ 84 = | |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CLAIMS FEES = | | | | | |
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☒ In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and that a separate petition is not submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A marked up copy of each replaced paragraph showing the changes from the
corresponding original paragraph is shown in **Attachment A** provided herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-5, 7 and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

It will be noted that claims 1, 6, and 8-10 have been amended herein, and that
new claims 12-16 have been added. A complete listing of all claims is provided
herewith in **Attachment B**.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 8-10 and 12-16 stand pending in the present application. By this
Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 6, 8-10, canceled claims 2-5 and 7,